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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN RELATIONS WITH GVN

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1. IN LOW-KEY WAY AS SUGGESTED EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON STEARNS INITIATIVE WITH THAJEB REPORTED REFTEL.

2. INDONESIAN RESERVATIONS STATED PARA 2 REFTEL COINCIDE WITH WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TELLING US HERE, BUT THAJEB'S AGREEMENT TO RAISE MATTER WITH MALRO IN NEW YORK PERHAPS ADDS ANOTHER USEFUL DIMENSION TO OVERALL REPRESENTATIONS ON STRONGER INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR SVN/P SITUATION HAS EVOLVED SOME SINCE JAKARTA 9677 WAS WRITTEN. FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GOI AND ROK, NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE 1973 IS OVER, AND PROSPECTS OF A UNILATERAL INDONESIAN INITIATIVE ON CAMBODIA HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN OVERTAKEN BY MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES. WE HAVE OVER PAST NINE MONTHS BEEN MAKING LOW-KEY, INFORMAL INQUIRIES WITH FOREIGN DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INDONESIAN OFFICIALS DESIGNED TO KEEP QUESTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIAN AND SVN IN FOREFRONT THEIR ATTENTION. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO
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JJGHRTA, BUI XIEM RAISED THIS ISSUE AND RECEIVED SOME

ASSURANCES AND EXPRESSIONS OF UNDERSTANDING FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, ALTHOUGH THEY APPARENTLY AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENT, IMPLIED OR OTHERWISE, OF ANY EARLY CHANGE. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE BELIEVE IT BEST FOR OFFICIALS TO CARRY BALL ON THIS ISSUE WITH INDONESIANS.

3. SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK WHILE LATTER IN U.S. AT UNGA. MALIK IS ACCOMPANIED BY REAL BACKBONE OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT: DIDI DJADININGRAT (DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS) AND ALATAS WHOSE VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD ALSO BE WORTH ELICITING. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MALIK AND HIS TOP AIDES THERE MAKE WILL GET SERIOUS CONSIDERATION HERE, ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DEPEND ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO, WITH ADVICE GENERAL SUMITRO AND OTHERS HERE, AND ON SUHARTO'S WEIGHING OF PROS AND CONS ON ANY CHANGE IN THEIR CURRENT POSTURE ON INDOCHINA. MALIK, WHO USUALLY TRIES TO BE AGREEABLE AND RESPONSIVE, MIGHT CONVEY UNDULY OPTIMISTIC IMPRESSION OF PROSPECTS OF GETTING FINAL GOI APPROVAL OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SAIGON, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE HELPFUL ADVOCATE IF PERSUADED OUR VIEWS.

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